

in Falls City. The church house being about four miles in the country, known as the Silver Creek church. A house is needed in the city. A splendid location has been bought, and I trust to see a good church home here before long. The church here had helped the mission some, but gave me an additional ten dollars. Last winter the Sister's Society at sister Susie Friend's suggestion, filled a barrel with clothing and sent it to us, which was appreciated by us, and which did good. The women here are as busy as bees gathering honey for the new church. Sister Weaver and Dennis also gave me a large bundle of clothing, for which they have our thanks. Brother John Burnworth was in Waterloo, hence I failed to see him. Build that church brethren, by all means, and your light will shine.

THE ILLIOKOTA DISTRICT.

This district does not contain many churches, but it does contain some good ones. Among those visited recently were Enon and Hudson. Rev. Gillin is pastor of the Enon church and is doing a good work. His people stand by him and as a result, pastor and people make things go. Brother Gillin is an energetic, aggressive, consecrated preacher. His good wife stands by his side, and their future is bright for greater success. Brother Ed. Hilderbrand is pastor at Hudson, and here the cause moves on with renewed strength and vigor. Indeed the work in this section seems to be progressing in every direction. This district has been the stand by of the mission to a very great extent, and it is appreciated. The collection at each point was something over thirteen dollars. About twenty-seven dollars for the two points, which have our thanks.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER.

First. Pray for the success of our work, the continued success of the work. We are working under difficulties, hence, remember us in the great work.

Second. This work must not lag for want of funds. Up to the twelfth of July we had received for help in the mission the sum of twenty-five cents in postage stamps, the half of a collection taken by a church. It was appreciated, but there was not enough licked from the stamps to feed us.

Third. When the means do not come to us, we go after the means, that is why I have to push out, and I am not begging, but preach at missions and take a free will offering. No one need stay at home for lack of money. Only the rich ones have been guilty of this. The Lord awakens them. Remember these things, but especially the first. Pray for us.

DO NOT FORGET

The coming conference on August 20, in Chicago. Make up your mind to come, help along the cause, we will take care of you. We have a large hall, two tents and a warm hearted church. Let us have the very best conference possible and take the good influences to Johnstown, and united there we can make the devil howl by making inroads on his territory. Come to the Chicago conference.

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OUR WASHINGTON CITY LETTER.

Some of the brethren have suggested a day of special prayer and fasting, prior to the Johnstown conference. It seems to me that such would be not only well pleasing to our heavenly Father, but it would bring great blessing to his children, and glorious results to his cause.

In order that this be observed, I herewith suggest that our dear Bro. Gnagey, editor of the EVANGELIST, designate the day thus to be observed. Brethren, what think ye?

Another matter just now presents itself to my mind: Do we make the doctrine of self-denial as real and practical in our lives as it should be made? We have learned that the Salvation Army in Great Britain, not long since observed a "self-denial week," and \$124,000 was the sum realized. This is the second week of that kind during the year. Just think of the enormous amount which the Army will receive when full reports are in from all parts of the world. And this body of people does not contain many of the wealthier class.

What a grand sum might be raised among the brethren by keeping one week of self denial—keeping it in a most special and practical sense.

Luke 9: 23, teaches that self-denial should be of "daily" occurrence. So it should be and so it is with every believer who is entirely consecrated and knows by experience the meaning of gospel sanctification. So with prayer; while it is a "daily" practice with every true child of God, yet there are days, and times in which we feel the great need of a special season of prayer.

Perhaps were a week of self-denial thus kept by the Brethren church, many of our imaginary needs and foolish "wants" would be cut down. Most of us have many imaginary needs, our real needs are not so many.

Let us figure just a little: Estimating the membership of the church at 15,000, supposing we say that by one week of self-denial each member will save ten

cents—and is there any one that could not do this? And now we have the grand total of one thousand five hundred dollars, and who would not be willing to make this a practice as often as four times every year, and raise \$6,000 for missions?

Let us make another calculation: Let us now reduce our membership to 10,000, and place the self-denial sum at 25 cents, and we have \$2500; multiply this by four and we have \$10,000 per year for gospel missions.

Just think of it! Brethren, doesn't this sound reasonable? Is there any one really too poor to reach this average? Admitting that a few may possibly be found to go on that list, I believe that where ever one may be found unable to reach that amount, four others may be produced who will more than double the sum of twenty-five cents. Well perhaps this is enough just now in the way of "figuring." God help us all to reduce it to practice. I believe that I can safely guarantee that the membership of the First Brethren church of Washington City will measure by this rule and all are poor, too.

Somehow I feel better for having written this. It flashed into my mind like an inspiration while writing, having never thought of the plan of "self-denial weeks" before this.

And now about that "tent meeting" again: We have had to change our plans and Bro. Bowman is to hold meetings in Eastern Maryland first. We now hope to be able to begin the meetings immediately after the conference at Johnstown, tho we find ourselves getting somewhat impatient at times, because we have had to wait so long without being able to put forth any protracted effort, but we work on believing that it will all be over-ruled for good.

Many of the popular churches here that a few weeks since counted their congregations by the "hundreds," now count them by the "dozen." I am glad the warm weather does not effect our congregation very materially.

Nothing of special interest to report at this time concerning the work, excepting that we wish soon to begin to collect means to buy a lot for a church building, believing that the time is here when we should make a beginning on that line, and trust God to further the project.

God has promised to grant the increase, but Paul and Apollos must first do the planting and watering.

May we continue faithful and look to him for large results.

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